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LARS DANIEL SORENSEN

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 166]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 166) for the relief of Lars Daniel Sorensen, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

AMENDMENT

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That for the purposes of the immigration and naturalization laws, Lars Daniel Sorensen shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this act, upon payment of the required visa fee and head tax. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such alien as provided for in this act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct one number from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Lars Daniel Sorensen. The bill provides for appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee and head tax.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 36-year-old native and citizen of Denmark who last entered the United States on February 25, 1948,

as a visitor. He has two brothers engaged in farming near Minot, N. Dak., and he resides with his brothers, Soren Sorensen at Minot, N. Dak., and Sven Sorensen at Granville, N. Dak. Both brothers have given assurances that if permitted to remain in this country the beneficiary of the bill will not become a public charge.

A letter dated June 1, 1949, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Assistant to the Attorney General with reference to S. 743, which was a bill introduced in the Eighty-first Congress for the relief of the same alien, reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE;

Washington, June 1, 1949.

HON. PAT McCARRAN,

*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (S. 743) for the relief of Lars Daniel Sorensen.

The bill would provide that in the administration of the immigration laws Lars Daniel Sorensen of Minot, N. Dak., shall be considered to have been admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of his last entry, upon payment of the required head tax and visa fee. It would also direct the Secretary of State to instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct one number from the nonpreference category of the first available quota for nationals of Denmark.

It appears from the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department that the beneficiary of this bill is an unmarried young man who was born at Engstrup, Denmark on May 12, 1914. He arrived at the port of New York on February 25, 1948, and was admitted temporarily for a 6 months period to visit relatives. He has been residing with his brothers Soren Sorensen at Minot, N. Dak. and Sven Sorensen at Granville, N. Dak., both of whom are successful prosperous farmers and citizens of the United States. On August 20, 1948, a warrant of arrest in deportation proceedings was issued against him charging that he is unlawfully here in that he has remained in the United States after failing to maintain the exemption status under which he was admitted as a visitor for pleasure. On January 24, 1949, he was found to be subject to deportation on that charge, but was granted 60 days in which to depart voluntarily in lieu of deportation.

Although Mr. Sorensen has no relatives in Denmark and his two brothers here in the United States are financially in position to assure that he would not become a public charge, the quota for Denmark to which he would be chargeable is over-subscribed and an immigration visa may not be readily obtained. His desire to be admitted to the United States as a permanent resident in order to be with his brothers is appreciated, but there are no facts presented in his case which are sufficiently impelling to justify granting him a preference over the many other such aliens awaiting their turn for immigration visas.

Accordingly, the Department of Justice is unable to recommend the enactment of this bill.

Yours sincerely,

PEYTON FORD,

The Assistant to the Attorney General.

Senator William Langer, the author of the bill, has submitted the following affidavit in connection with the case:

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,

County of Ward, ss:

Soren Sorenson, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a farmer living at Minot, N. Dak., and has been for 20 years; that he is a brother of Robert Johannes Sorenson and Lars Daniel Sorenson, both of whom were admitted to the United States, February 5, 1948, under and by virtue of Denmark passports; that the brothers, Robert and Lars, have been and now are living on this affiant's farm at Minot, N. Dak.; that during the period of time from February 1948 to

the present time Lars and Robert Sorenson have lived with either this affiant or another brother, Swen Sorenson, who is also engaged in farming.

That neither Robert or Lars Sorenson have been gainfully employed, that is to say, neither one of them have been paid wages for their work; that both Robert and Lars have been supplied with food, clothing, shelter, medical attention, and tobacco by either this affiant or Swen Sorenson, their other brother; that the boys have assisted with the farm work but have never been paid wages, this was in accordance with the instructions when they entered the United States and that neither any brother or anyone else have paid them wages; that this affiant knows of his own personal knowledge that neither Robert Johannes Sorenson nor Lars Daniel Sorenson have engaged in any activity politically or otherwise injurious to American public interest;

This affiant knows of his own personal knowledge that neither Robert Johannes Sorenson or Lars Daniel Sorenson has been convicted of any offense either Federal or State either in the United States of America or in Denmark;

Robert Johannes Sorenson and Lars Daniel Sorenson will continue to live at the homes of this affiant and the other brother, Swen Sorenson, and will not be paid wages by either of us, but we will continue to see that they are supplied with the necessities of life;

Dated at Minot, N. Dak., this 14th day of March, 1949.

SOREN SORENSON.

The bill has been amended to conform with the policy of the committee in granting permanent residence in the United States to an alien as of the date of the adjustment rather than as of the date of last entry into the United States.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 166), as amended, should be enacted.

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